UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

RICHARD C. HUNT,)	
Plaintiff,)	C.A. No. 04-1417 ***
v.)	
FIRST CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES, et al.,)	JURY OF 12 DEMANDED
Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF MOTION

VIA US MAIL

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached Motion will be presented to the Court at the convenience of the Court.

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RULE 7.1.1 STATEMENT

Because Plaintiff is pro se, this case is exempt from Rule 7.1.1 requirements

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MOTION TO WITHDRAW

Pursuant to the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16 (b)(5),(6), and Rule 83.7 of the Local Rules for the District of Delaware, the undersigned attorneys hereby request leave to withdraw as defense counsel for First Correctional Medical Services in the above captioned matter for the following reasons:

- 1. First Correctional Medical - Delaware, LLC contracted with the State of Delaware to provide health care to the Delaware Department of Correction from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005.
- 2. From July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005, First Correctional Medical - Delaware, LLC, and its employees were insured for professional liability by Chubb Group of Insurance Companies.
- Chubb Group of Insurance Companies retained McCullough & McKenty, P.A., 1 3. Daniel L. McKenty, Esquire, Steven F. Mones, Esquire, and Dana Spring Monzo², Esquire

¹ McCullough & McKenty has dissolved. Mr. McKenty has moved to Heckler & Frabizzio P.A. and Substitutions of Counsel have been filed.

(formerly Dana M. Spring, Esquire), to provide medical malpractice and 42 *U.S.C.* § 1983 defense coverage for First Correctional Medical - Delaware, LLC, and its various employees.

- 4. After the termination of its health care contract with the Delaware Department of Correction, First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC ceased operations in the State of Delaware. Although no formal dissolution papers were filed with the State of Delaware, it is the understanding of the undersigned defense counsel that First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, has no assets
- 5. For all claims arising on or after July 1, 2005, First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, elected to proceed as a self-insured entity. McCullough & McKenty, Mr. McKenty, and Ms. Monzo remained counsel for First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, and its employees.
- 6. First Correctional Medical Inc., the Arizona-based parent company of First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, funded the defense of lawsuits against First Correctional Medical and its various employees after July 1, 2005.
- 7. In October 2006, the undersigned defense counsel for First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, was made aware that First Correctional Medical, Inc., was experiencing severe financial difficulties and could not meet its financial obligations with respect to defense and indemnity costs of lawsuits pending in the State and/or District of Delaware. At that time, First Correctional Medical, Inc., was several months behind on its payments of legal fees to McCullough & McKenty, P.A.

² Mr. Mones and Ms. Spring are longer affliated with McCullough and McKenty P.A. nor with Heckler & Frabizzio.

- 8. After lengthy conversations and correspondence with Tammy Kastre, M.D. (CEO of First Correctional Medical, Inc.), Michael Johnson (CFO of First Correctional Medical, Inc.), Todd Jackson, Esquire (Arizona Corporate Counsel for First Correctional Medical, Inc.), and Jonathan Rothschild, Esquire (Arizona Financial Counsel for First Correctional Medical, Inc.), McCullough & McKenty, P.A., agreed to continue to represent First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, and its employees, with the understanding that McCullough & McKenty's legal fees would be brought current, a monthly budget would be put in place regarding the continued defense of First Correctional Medical lawsuits, McCullough & McKenty would be kept abreast of any changes to the viability of First Correctional Medical, Inc., and finally that failure to adhere to these requests would result in the withdrawal of McCullough & McKenty, P.A., as counsel for First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, and its employees.
- 9. Until December 31, 2006, First Correctional Medical, Inc., did its best to bring McCullough & McKenty, P.A., current on its legal bills and actually came within \$30,000 of the monies owed.
- payments to McCullough & McKenty, P.A., despite promising a \$30,000 check for past legal services rendered and promising to establish a monthly retainer fund. In July 2007, McCullough & McKenty P.A. dissolved and Mr. McKenty moved to Heckler & Frabizzio. First Correctional Medical has not discussed its intentions with Heckler & Frabizzio. To date, Heckler & Frabizzio, continues to defend First Correctional Medical Delaware, LLC, and its employees in over (25) twenty-five lawsuits despite being unable to contact First Correctional Medical Inc., officials and being in arrears of legal fees in excess of \$50,253.55 owed to McCullough & McKenty and \$17,672.00 owed to Heckler & Frabizzio.

- The undersigned defense counsel has not only attempted to contact officials from 11. First Correctional Medical, Inc, regarding its outstanding fees, but the undersigned counsel has also made numerous attempts to contact officials from First Correctional Medical, Inc., regarding various litigation strategies and the funding of expert fees in defensible cases quickly approaching trial. First Correctional Medical Inc.'s officials have responded to Court Ordered participation in mediation and Court Ordered response to Discovery. Those officials have not discussed their strategy for resolving these cases
- The undersigned counsel request permission to withdraw as counsel for First 12. Correctional Medical because First Correctional Medical, Inc., has substantially failed to meet its financial obligations to McCullough & McKenty, P.A., and to Heckler & Frabizzio, P.A., and Heckler & Frabizzio cannot sustain the financial burden of funding First Correctional Medical Inc.'s legal defense in the State/District of Delaware. Furthermore, First Correctional Medical cannot be reached for guidance regarding legal strategies and general defense of its cases.
- 13. Because First Correctional Medical, Inc., is no longer funding the defense of its former employees in lawsuits in the State of Delaware, the former employees may be in a position adverse to First Correctional Medical, Inc. The undersigned counsel submit that they cannot continue the representation of the individually named employees of First Correctional Medical, Inc., as a conflict of interest now exists between the parties.
- 14. Further, the undersigned requests this Court grant First Correctional Medical a reasonable extension of time to obtain new Counsel and respond to discovery.
- 15. For the abovementioned reasons, the undersigned hereby request that they be permitted to withdraw as counsel for First Correctional Medical Inc., in the above captioned matter.

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<u>ORDER</u>						
And now this	day of	, 2008, having considered				
Heckler & Frabizzio, P.A., Daniel L.	McKenty, Esquire	's, Motion to Withdraw and any				
opposition thereto, it is HEREBY OF	RDERED that Heck	ler & Frabizzio, P.A., Daniel L.				
McKenty, Esquire, is granted.						
		J.				

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Daniel L. McKenty, hereby certify that, on February 8, 2008, one copy of defendant,

Motion to Withdraw, were served, on the following individuals:

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